

# Benjamin Franklin

## Intro

“ Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

~Benjamin Franklin (originally said by a Chinese Confucian philosopher)

This is one of Benjamin's most famous quotes. Benjamin Franklin was a scientist. He was ahead of his time. He was also a famous politician. Let me tell you about Benjamin Franklin and how he became famous.

## Early life

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 17, 1706. Benjamin was the last of 17 children. His father wanted Benjamin to become a minister. He worked in his father's soap and candle shop. He went to school only from age 8 to 10. He did not go to high school or college. Then he worked at his brother's printing press called The New England Courant. He left his brother's printing press at the age of 17. Benjamin married Deborah Reed.

## Contributions

Benjamin Franklin won the Copley gold medal for proving that lightning is electricity. He also helped in the understanding of the forces of nature. He proposed the Single Fluid Theory

which claimed that electricity was really one fluid, which could be present in excess, or absent from a body, thus explaining its electrical charge. He acted as a representative of the USA in France. He helped draft the declaration of independence in 1776. He also negotiated the 1783 Treaty Of Paris which ended the revolutionary war. He also founded the Union fire company.

## Later Life

Benjamin Franklin was 84 years old when he died. He died of a lung disease. He died on April 17, 1790. He was an important inventor because he invented the glass armonica, bifocals, the lightning rod, and much more. He was an important scientist because he discovered that lightning was electricity and he wanted to know how electricity could be useful. He was also an important politician because he helped draft the US Constitution and The Declaration of Independence.

## Conclusion

This paper is about Benjamin Franklin. Benjamin is famous because he was one of the Founding Fathers of the USA. He also made important discoveries. He is still making an impact because he helped draft the Declaration of Independence and the US constitution. This is why Benjamin Franklin is an important person.